

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 406 without my signature.

Although I understand the author's desire to require uniform statewide criteria for the issuance of work permits, I believe that the determination of such criteria is best left to the discretion of local school boards. School boards are better suited to determine the standards that meet the unique circumstances of their students and their communities. Moreover, given the State's current fiscal condition it would not be prudent to approve a measure that results in significant reimbursable state mandated costs. Establishing voluntary statewide criteria that could be used as guidelines for school districts would provide necessary flexibility, without incurring the associated state costs.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger